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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

STERILIZING A PACKAGING SHEET

MATERIAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 7, line 25, after "320nm", insert and in that said means for irradiating are arranged only downstream of the means for removing.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, line 1, delete "2 or 3,".

Claim 9, line 1, delete "one or more of claims 1-8", and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "one or more of claims 1-8", and insert --claim 1--

Claim 11 (Amended) - Apparatus for sterilizing a packaging sheet material according to the method defined in [claims 1-10] claim 1, comprising:

-means for applying hydrogen peroxide to a packaging sheet material moving in an advancement direction,

-means for irradiating the packaging sheet material with light including at least one UV wavelength between 200nm and 320nm, arranged downstream of said means for applying hydrogen peroxide, with respect to said advancement direction, and;

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